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Turner Disavows Any Intention To Become Intelligence Czar

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San Francisco—U. S. will continue to seek competing analyses of intelligence data, despite centralization of many intelligence functions under his office, according to Adm. Stansfield Turner.

"President Carter has by no means established a czar of intelligence analysis," Adm. Turner said. "We seek and welcome competitive analyses. We want divergent views."

Adm. Turner, whose role as director of central intelligence is being expanded (AW&ST Aug. 8, p. 14), said his office will have full responsibility for budgets and for setting the tasks of the various intelligence agencies, as well as coordinating the collection of intelligence.

However, in an Aug. 5 address to the Commonwealth Club of California and an earlier press conference, Adm. Turner emphasized that "one man, one group, one agency" cannot do the job of analysis, and that many views will be sought. Correct analysis "never comes by revelation," he said, pointing out that he gets "suspicious when I get a precise answer to a problem" from an analyst.

'Amiable' Debate

Adm. Turner also said that he and Defense Secretary Harold Brown "debated in an amiable way" the reorganization of the intelligence apparatus, and that they "did not come up with the same solution." However, both he and Brown have assured President Carter that they are happy with the result, the admiral said. Brown had expressed some misgivings about the intelligence centralization (AW&ST Aug. 8, p. 19).

On another subject, Adm. Turner said the Central Intelligence Agency's study of prospects for the Soviet Union's economy reveals that the USSR has "some very difficult problems ahead." These will be due partly to the anticipated drop by 1980 in its oil production, and partly to demographic factors that are limiting its work force, he said.

He questioned how the USSR will be able to continue supporting its huge military establishment, and speculated whether the Soviets could afford to continue exporting 1.5 million barrels of oil per day to satellite nations, or whether they will be forced to sell that oil on the open market.

Release this week of the Soviet economic report, and the earlier analysis of the world energy situation, are examples of how the intelligence community—which works for the U.S. public—intends to publish the results of its activities to the public, he said.

It is more important that the U. S. have good intelligence today than it was 30

years ago when the CIA first was organized, Adm. Turner said. In these days of "rough parity" in our confrontation with the Soviet Union, good intelligence can mean the difference between victory and defeat, he added.

"Thirty years ago, the U. S. was nearly independent; today, it is heavily dependent on others—notably for oil. In addition, the U. S. "no longer can tell other nations what to do," Adm. Turner said. "If we don't have good intelligence on other nations, we will lose in the marketplace. . . . We must understand these countries or we may be outmaneuvered."

Social Values

At the same time, this vital information must be gathered in such a way that the values of our society are not jeopardized, Adm. Turner said. He said he found some of the past actions of the CIA "abhorrent," particularly those in which drugs were administered to individuals without their consent. "I can assure you that nothing of the sort is or will be tolerated," he said.

He said that the "frank and open handling" of these revelations of this CIA activity 12 to 24 years ago is part of the overall effort to open up the agency as much as possible. This effort has included inviting the media to the once forbidden CIA headquarters.

'Strict Oversight'

Part of the reorganization includes provisions for "strict oversight" of intelligence activities, he said. This includes an independent three-man board, reporting only to the President, that will be accessible to all citizens who have complaints of wrongdoing by intelligence agencies. The Carter Administration also is proposing legislation to control wiretapping that is performed "in the name of intelligence," the admiral said.

On other subjects, the admiral said:

■ **Federal Bureau of Investigation**—His office will have no control over the FBI, but will coordinate with that agency when counterintelligence activities move from the U. S. to other nations.

■ **Budget**—He and President Carter do not object to Congress publishing a single intelligence budget figure, but not a breakdown, because the enemy then can see where resources are being concentrated and can move accordingly.

■ **Leaks**—These will be combatted, first by declassifying as much material as possible, and secondly by tightening methods of handling secrets. "If we develop an intelligence system and then compromise it, we waste billions of dollars," Adm. Turner said.

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